

Augustana Lutheran Church

Lutherans and Anglicans worshipping together

ANNOUNCEMENTS

10:30 AM, December 11, 2022

Third Sunday of Advent

This Advent/Christmas Season Augustana we are incorporating some resources on the theme of "From Generation to Generation". We also will be using an all-ages mural project, courtesy of a resource called "Way to Lead Ministries." This consists of 5 large colouring sheets, one for each Sunday in Advent, plus Christmas Eve, that when put together form a large mural which can eventually be displayed in our sanctuary. Anyone coming into the church at any time can do some colouring, but we especially encourage kids to participate in this activity—for example, during the Sunday sermon. This should be a fun and satisfying project which results in something beautiful we can all appreciate.

In keeping with the **spirit of the Advent season**, the ELW have once again set up the **Mitten Tree** in the narthex, to be decorated with mittens, toques, scarves, etc. Yarn has been placed under the tree for anyone wishing to knit/crochet articles to be donated to Haven Kids' House, Interval House and the Salvation Army.

The **Handbell Choir** will be contributing to this Advent and Christmas Season. The Augustana-St. Timothys Choir is also providing extra music throughout this month. The last choir rehearsal this year will be Dec. 22, and the first of the New Year will be Jan. 5.

Candlelight Service of Remembrance and Healing

Thursday, December 15, 7:30 pm at Zion Lutheran Church

Christmas without a loved one can be a difficult time for those left behind. Other losses, such as the loss of a relationship, health or job can be the cause of loneliness in the midst of Christmas celebrations. Please join us in a service of prayer, scripture, communion and music knowing that God is present. Refreshments to follow the service hosted by Saskatoon Lutheran Stephen Ministers.

There will be two **Christmas Eve Services** this year at 6 and 8 PM with the 6 PM one also being livestreamed. Christmas Day's service will be at 10:30 AM. Communion will be served at the Christmas Day service only. Ushers are still needed for the 8PM Christmas Eve Service.

Ecumenical Advent Series: What Are We Waiting For?

This year, there is a special ecumenical series of Advent meditations and conversations on the question: "What are we waiting for?," with Canadian church leaders, including:

- Rev. Susan C. Johnson, National Bishop, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada (Dec. 1)
- Right Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, Moderator, The United Church of Canada (Dec. 8)
- Rev. Dr. Robert Faris, Moderator, The Presbyterian Church of Canada (Dec. 15)
- Most Rev. Linda Nicholls, Primate, Anglican Church of Canada (Dec. 22)

On each Thursday in Advent (Dec. 1, 8, 15, and 22), listeners are invited to join a live discussion at 6:00 pm SK time, via Zoom, with one of the leaders on that week's Advent theme. Attendees will be able to ask questions during the online conversation. Also, each Monday during Advent, the church leaders will release an ecumenical Advent meditation focused on one of the four Advent themes and will address challenges and opportunities facing the Canadian churches. Find out more and register at <https://presbyterian.ca/2022/11/08/ecumenical-advent/>

LWF Communion: A Singing Communion During Advent

For the fifth year, The Lutheran World Federation (LWF) shares videos from LWF member churches and country programs for the 28 days of Advent starting November 27 to mark the start of the season. "Advent: A Singing Communion has been a creative expression of our shared Lutheran identity and the diverse contexts of the member churches," said LWF General Secretary Rev. Anne Burghardt. The LWF will share videos daily from the **first Sunday of Advent, November 27 until Christmas Eve, December 24**. These will be published on the [LWF website](#) and social media platforms including [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), and among member churches worldwide.

Communion will be served each Sunday in December and then return to the 1st and 3rd week of the month in January. The communion schedule is impacted by the availability of volunteers to assist with serving. If this is something you might be interested in helping out with, please contact the church office.

We kindly ask that you send in any Year End contributions before 12pm on December 29th so as to be deposited and counted correctly for your 2022 tax receipt statements.

The final deposit of cash and cheques for charitable donations contributed to Augustana in 2022 will be December 29th at 2pm. E-Transfers will still be accepted on Dec. 31st.